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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS IN INDONESIA

REF: A) STATE 100418; B) JAKARTA 4518.

1. AS INDICATED REFTELS AND PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, VICE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ADVISED TO SUGGEST A POSSIBLE ROLE FOR THE PEACE CORPS AS A NEW ELEMENT IN OUR ASSISTANCE FOR ACCELERATING INDONESIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PARTICULARLY IN FOOD PRODUCTION) AND POSSIBLY IN COOPERATION WITH INDONESIAN VOLUNTEERS. HE MAY ADD THAT IF THE CONCEPT APPEARS TO HAVE MERIT, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD DISCUSS IT FURTHER.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THE VICE PRESIDENT BELIEVES IT PREFERABLE THAT THIS PROPOSAL NOT SURPRISE THE GOI. THUS, IF EMBASSY HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, IT SHOULD ALERT APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS.

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3. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS REFTEL B, CURRENT PEACE CORPS LEGISLATION EXPLICITLY PRECLUDES AN EXCHANGE OF VOLUNTEERS, E.G. FROM JAKARTA TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT COULD PERHAPS BE ARRANGED IN INDONESIA.

4. IN ANY EVENT, IF GOI REACTION IS ENCOURAGING, WE WILL
REVIEW THE MATTER IN DETAIL BEFORE PEACE CORPS VISIT NOTED
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